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7.	Assam	Margherita-Changlang	March/2004
	Arunachal Pradesh	Margherita-Changlang	March/2004
8.	Manipur	Tamei-Tenning	March/2005
	Nagaland	Tamei-Tenning	March/2005
9.	Nagaland	Kohima-Bokajan	September/2002
10.	Meghalaya	Construction of 47 Nos of RCC Bridges	March/2005

Development of Dhodar Ali Road

4799. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) whether North-Eastern Council has allotted fund for the development of Dhodar Ali Road from Deberapar of Jorhat district to Jeypore of Dibrugarh district for the year 2002-2003;

(b) if so, the amount allocated therefor;

(c) whether there is any time-frame to complete the construction of all bridges now half done and road improvement that remain of the other half of Dhodar Ali Road from Kumargaon of Golaghat district to Deberapar of Jorhat district; and

(d) the cause of this delay though the money was sanctioned in 1989?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) and (b) North Eastern Council has provided Rs. 9 crores for the Development of 100 kms. in various stretches on the Dhodar Ali Road including that from Deberapar (in Jorhat district, Assam) to Jeypore (in Dibrugarh district, Assam) during the year 2002-03.

(c) 12 bridges on the various stretches of Dhodar Ali Road have been taken up for improvement by NEC. The bridges are planned to be completed by March, 2003. Road improvement of the stretches on the other part of the Dhodar Ali Road, *i.e.* Kumargaon (in Golaghat district, Assam) to Deberapar (in Jorhat district, Assam) are also planned for completion by March, 2003, except for a small stretch of 5 kms. from km. 28 to km. 32, which will spill over beyond March, 2003. The rescheduled date of completion of project is 2005.

(d) A presentation was made by NEC on, *inter-alia*, case study of Dhodar Ali Road, at the Conference of Chief Ministers of NE Region at Shillong in February, 2002. In that, it was pointed out that even though the road improvement work was sanctioned in 1989 and was originally scheduled to be completed by March, 2002, only 80% of works have been completed. The reasons for time overrun identified were:—

(i) Change of specification from Ordinary District Road (ODR) single lane to Major District Road (MDR).

(ii) Non-receipt of funds in time by implementing agency (Assam PWD) from Government ofAssam.

(iii) Engagement of an excessive number of (150) contractors for execution of 100 kms. road work.

NEC Amendment Bill

4800. DR.ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for inordinate delay in bringing the NEC Amendment Bill after getting views of NECM's Forum, NEMP's Forum as well as recommendation of the Standing Committee on Home Affairs;

(b) whether it is likely to be introduced during the on-going Budget Session; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) to (c) The NEC (Amendment) Bill, 1998 was introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 8th December, 1998. Subsequently, certain provisions of the Bill were reconsidered and amendments were introduced in July, 2001. This Bill was referred by the Rajya Sabha to the Department related Parliamentary Standing Committee of Ministry of Home Affairs on 9th August, 2001 for examination and report. After consulting, *inter alia*, the North Eastern MP's Forum, the Standing Committee submitted its report to Rajya Sabha on 18th December, 2001. The Rajya Sabha Secretariat remitted the report of the Standing Committee to the Department of Development of North Eastern Region on 20th December, 2001 for information and necessary action.